

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates allowance of claims 13-15 and 24-27.

Claims 21 and 40 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-2, 12, 20, 28, and 41-55 have been canceled. The pending claims have also been amended so that the remaining dependent claims depend from one of the current independent claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the proposed amendments place the present application in condition for allowance and therefore respectfully request that the Examiner enter these amendments. Pursuant to the amendments indicated herein, claims 3-11, 13-19, 21-27, and 29-40 are pending in the present application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 14. This claim has been amended to correct the antecedent basis of "at least one electrode." Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's objection to claim 14 be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 21-23 and 40 but indicated that these claims include allowable subject matter. Claims 21 and 40 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 22-23 depend from claim 21. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claims 21-23 and 40 are in condition for allowance.

The remaining claims have been amended to depend from one of the allowed independent claims. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that all of the claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance.

Pursuant to the amendments presented in the present response, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. The

Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (713) 934-4052 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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